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121st Annual Meeting of the Park Avenue Synagogue Congregation Wednesday, May 28

The traditional annual meeting of the Park Avenue Synagogue congregation, its 121st such event, will take place on Wednesday, May 28, 2003, at 7 p.m. As is the custom at our synagogue, a buffet supper, to which the entire congregation is invited, will be served at 6 p.m. prior to this meeting.

The Chairman of the Board, Geoffrey J. Colvin, will deliver his final Annual Report and Rabbi David H. Lincoln, Rabbi Kenneth A. Stern and Rabbi Paulette R. Gross will install into office the newly elected Officers of the congregation, the Board of Trustees and the Advisory Council, as well as the officers of the various arms of the synagogue: Men's Club, Sisterhood, Parents' Association, Women's Evening Group, Nursery School Parents' Association, Family Education and Young Couples' Group. Cantor David Lefkowitz will conduct the memorial service for those members of the congregation who are no longer with us since last year's meeting.

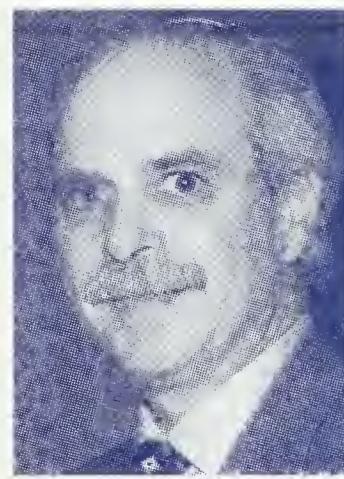
As a world-renowned Conservative congregation, the Park Avenue Synagogue needs the continuing support and involvement of its members in both its daily life and its major events. Therefore, plan to attend this annual meeting.

If you intend to come for supper at 6 p.m., please call the synagogue office (1-212-369-2600) to let them know you will be coming. We look forward to seeing you there!

The Jewish Theological Seminary and Park Avenue Synagogue To Honor David Parker at Seminary Dinner Monday, June 9

With great affection The Jewish Theological Seminary and the Park Avenue Synagogue will honor David Parker at their annual gala Seminary Dinner on Monday, June 9, 2003. In doing so, they will celebrate his many years of outstanding and inspiring leadership. David has demonstrated his love of Judaism, devotion to the Park Avenue Synagogue and support of JTS through years of admirable service and achievement.

Each spring, this synagogue dinner on behalf of JTS, which is a decades-old tradition, gives both Park Avenue Synagogue and JTS the opportunity to celebrate an enduring relationship between JTS as the center of Conservative Judaism and Park Avenue Synagogue as a mainstay of the Conservative movement and a pillar of JTS.



David Parker

The selection of David as this year's honoree was a natural one. A treasured member of the Park Avenue Synagogue and member of its Board of Trustees since 1992, David has served as secretary, associate treasurer and vice president of the congregation for ten years. He is also one of Park Avenue Synagogue's main and best High Holiday shofar blowers.

Among David's many contributions to Park Avenue Synagogue over the years, he was, together with his wife, Ronnie, president of the Couples' Club. He has also been chair of the Planning Committee and the Kol Nidre Appeal and currently serves as chair of the Finance Committee, as well as on the Education Committee. He was instrumental in the establishment of the Park Avenue

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Five Centuries of Jewish Music Shabbat Morning Music Service, May 31, 2003

We Jews are a singing people. Since early times, even before King David wrote the psalms and played them on his harp, an expressivity through song has been part of our heritage. During the last five centuries, since music was first printed, we have countless examples of choral and solo vocal music. Jewish composers recorded the joys and sorrows,



Cantor David Lefkowitz



Cantor Nancy Abramson

prayers and protests, festivals and daily events in their music.

Park Avenue Synagogue will celebrate this long and beautiful heritage of Jewish music at our annual Music Service on Shabbat morning, May 31st. Led by our cantors, David Lefkowitz and Nancy Abramson, with our congregational and

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Rabbinic Ruminations



As you read this Bulletin we are about two weeks into Sefirat HaOmer, the Counting of the Omer. The omer is a grain measurement, but instead of weighing barley, we are counting days - the days between the beginning of Passover and the holiday of Shavuot, which falls seven weeks later.

Why do we count? The simplest answer is because the Torah commands us to. While that may be a justification, it is no explanation.

Passover and Shavuot are related agriculturally: both are spring harvest festivals.

They are also connected on another

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SCHEDULE OF RELIGIOUS SERVICES

FOR MAY, 2003

Friday evening, May 2	6:15 p.m.
Children's May Birthday Celebration	
Saturday morning, May 3	9:15 a.m.
Hashkama Service	7:30 a.m.
Havurah Service	9:30 a.m.
Tot Shabbat	11:15 a.m.
<i>Bat Mitzvah of Emily Beth Siegel</i> <i>daughter of Mrs. Maggy Siegel and Mr. Paul Siegel</i>	
Saturday afternoon, May 3	6:00 p.m.
Friday evening, May 9	6:15 p.m.
<i>Rinah U'tefillah: Song & Prayer Shabbat Service</i>	
Saturday morning, May 10	9:15 a.m.
Hashkama Service	7:30 a.m.
<i>Bat Mitzvah of Nicole Elizabeth Lustig</i> <i>daughter of Andrea and Ivan Lustig</i>	
Saturday afternoon, May 10	6:00 p.m.
Friday evening, May 16	6:15 p.m.
<i>School Moving Up Ceremony & Oneg Shabbat</i>	
Saturday morning, May 17	9:15 a.m.
Hashkama Service	7:30 a.m.
Havurah Service	9:30 a.m.
Tot Shabbat	11:15 a.m.
<i>Bar Mitzvah of Samuel Michael Birnbach Haft</i> <i>son of Lisa Birnbach and Steven Haft</i>	
Saturday afternoon, May 17	6:00 p.m.
Friday morning, May 23	9:15 a.m.
Hashkama Service	7:30 a.m.
Saturday afternoon, May 24	6:00 p.m.
Friday evening, May 30	6:15 p.m.
<i>Women's Evening Group Shabbat Service</i> <i>with Guest Speaker Francine Klagsbrun</i> <i>Followed by a Congregational Shabbat Dinner</i> <i>(by Advance Reservation Only)</i>	
Saturday morning, May 31	9:15 a.m.
Hashkama Service	7:30 a.m.
<i>Shabbat Morning Music Service</i> <i>Bat Mitzvah of Abigail Rebecca Denburg</i> <i>daughter of Dorothy and Howard Denburg</i>	
Saturday afternoon, May 31	6:00 p.m.
Rabbi David H. Lincoln, Rabbi Kenneth A. Stern and Rabbi Paulette R. Gross will preach and conduct the services together with Cantor David Lefkowitz and Cantor Nancy Abramson and the Synagogue Choir, with Neil Robinson at the organ.	
Child care for children 1 to 5 years of age is available every Saturday morning from 9:15 a.m. to 12 noon in Room 309.	

level: Passover celebrates our freedom, and Shavuot, the traditional date for the beginning of the revelation of the Torah, gives our newfound freedom a framework and context. But these important interrelationships still don't explain why it is so important to count the days from one festival to the other.

I think the reason that we count is to try to help us forge a connection between one of our most popular and universally observed holidays, Passover, and perhaps an even more important, but nevertheless neglected holiday, Shavuot.

What does Shavuot offer us? It provides us with an opportunity to study, an occasion to ponder the meaning of revelation and the eternal values and truths of the Torah. It is a holiday for reflection, for exercising our intellect. By rights, this should be the most important and meaningful of our holidays, but it engenders little enthusiasm. Why? Because however much we may take pride in ourselves for intellectual gifts, for our superiority over all other animal life - for all our sophistication - we are still very much creatures who are

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May B'nai Mitzvah

Emily Beth Siegel, May 3, 2003

Emily Siegel began her Jewish education in the Park Avenue Synagogue Early Childhood Center and continued in its Congregational School until last year when she transferred to the Rodeph Sholom School, where she is currently in the seventh grade.

Emily attends PS6 elementary school, where she is a member of the school's Student Council and band. Her favorite subjects are science, art and music, and she has strong interests in arts and crafts and playing clarinet. She also enjoys many sports, particularly water-skiing and lacrosse.

Emily will be attending the Interlochen National Music Camp in Michigan this summer to study art and modern dance. Previously, she enjoyed three summers at Camp Taconic in the Berkshires.

She has a deep commitment to her Jewish heritage, which has been enhanced by her studies at Rodeph Sholom, and she plans to continue her religious studies in high school.

Nicole Elizabeth Lustig, May 10, 2003

Nicole Lustig is a student in the seventh grade at the Horace Mann School, where her favorite subjects include science, history, French and English. She is a member of the Middle School's soccer team and is active in its student government. She has also organized the Middle School's book drive for Project Cicero, a non-profit organization dedicated to collecting books for underserved New York City public schools. Most recently, Nicole has spent time volunteering in the pediatric intensive care unit at New York Hospital. She hopes, one day, to be able to help sick children as a pediatrician.

Nicole enjoys vacationing with her family. Her favorite trips have included skiing in Vail, visiting France and touring California. In the summer, she attends the Tripp Lake Camp in Maine, where she loves water-skiing and sailing with her friends.

Nicole has attended the Park Avenue Synagogue Congregational School since the first grade. She and her family would like to thank the Park Avenue Synagogue teachers and clergy for her religious education and for helping her prepare to become a Bat Mitzvah.

Samuel Michael Birnbach Haft, May 17, 2003

When not trying to figure out how to save the universe from black holes and other assorted cosmic nuisances, Samuel Haft is a seventh grader at the Collegiate School, where math and religion are his favorite subjects.

Sam has been a student in the Park Avenue Synagogue Congregational School since the first grade.

He has traveled widely with his family, and visits to Israel, Italy (in particular the Jewish Ghetto of Venice), and Greece have been his favorites. He's very Mediterranean.

Sam attends camp at Kohut in Oxford, Maine, where he fishes, plays golf and works hard at relaxing. He, his parents, and his two younger sisters spend every August on Martha's Vineyard.

Sam, who is named for his paternal grandfather and his maternal great-grandfather, is proud to be wearing the tefillin of the first Sam Haft. And 13 year-old Sam is very happy that his maternal grandparents, Park Avenue Synagogue members Maks and Naomi Birnbach will be celebrating his big day with him and his family.

Abigail Rebecca Denburg, May 31, 2003

Abigail Denburg has been a student in the Park Avenue Synagogue Congregational School for seven years and is looking forward to entering the Rabbi Judah Nadich High School next year. She has been involved in the synagogue community and enjoyed singing with the Youth Chorale.

Abigail is in the seventh grade at the Dalton School and loves math, English and Latin. She sings in the Middle School Chorus and participates in sports. In her free time, she enjoys being with her friends and spending time with her family. She has visited Israel twice and looks forward to doing so again in the future.

This summer, she will return for the fourth summer at Camp Modin in Maine, and she treasures her camp friendships.

Abigail is proud to be the fourth member of her family to become a Bat Mitzvah at Park Avenue Synagogue. She and her family thank the clergy and all of her teachers for her Jewish education and for helping her prepare for this special occasion.

Rabbinic Ruminations

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moved by and require simple, concrete, tangible rites.

By contrast, Passover is a holiday of action and commotion, of extensive preparation, of sights and aromas-and of fond memories. Passover has us firmly in its grasp through a combination of emotion and ritual.

When we count from Passover to Shavuot we use the manifold rituals of Passover as a bridge to a holiday that is utterly devoid of rituals.

Why is this bridge so important? Because Judaism is a religion of dynamic tensions: between one's personal needs and society's, between law and love, and between faith/intellect and acts/ritual, between Passover and Shavuot. As individuals, our inclinations are invariably toward one more than the other. But we must always strive to maintain a delicate balance between two extremes or competing values.

So I invite you to start counting the Omer now (you'll find the count on every Jewish calendar and the appropriate prayer on Page 237 in *Siddur Sim Shalom*) in an effort to redress the imbalance between Passover and Shavuot. And while you're at it, mark Shavuot on your calendar as well (it begins on Thursday evening, June 5), and celebrate your intellectual gifts and the gift of our Torah.

— Rabbi Kenneth A. Stern

From the Edmond de Rothschild Library

Book of the Month: The Righteous: The Unsung Heroes of the Holocaust by Martin Gilbert.

Books have been written about individuals who risked their own safety to aid Jews in Nazi-occupied Europe. Yet this comprehensive examination by noted historian Martin Gilbert, recounted largely through first-person accounts by Jews who were rescued, is an important contribution. The thumbnail sketches of rescuers, their methods and, in some cases, the horrors they endured as a result of their courageous choices have not previously been gathered into one volume.

The result of 25 years of research sparked by witnessing Oskar Schindler's 1974 funeral procession in Jerusalem, Gilbert's country-by-country examination reveals as much about quiet dissent in Nazi-occupied Europe as it does about the human spirit. "For anyone who is honored today for saving Jewish lives, there were ten or more who did the same," says one rescuer.

In Vilna, a German officer, Maj. Karl Plagge, protected Jews from 1939 until 1944 by employing them in his motor vehicle repair park. In Germany, a young slave laborer, her feet frozen from working outdoors in the snow, was given a pair of shoes by an elderly couple in a remote wooded area; she never learned their names. The number of accounts is overwhelming, and fitting them all into one volume requires that each, to a degree, be given short shrift. But the very fact that there were so many tales of courage is reason to take heed of this heartening aspect of one of history's darkest moments. [From: Publishers Weekly]

The library will be closed on May 25 and 26.

—Ilana Abend-David
Librarian

Thank You From the Parents' Association

The presidents of the Parents' Association, Susan Edelstein and Rachel First, thank everyone for their enthusiasm, support and energy this past year. The funds raised will be used to enrich the programs and services in Park Avenue Synagogue's Congregational School.

A special thanks to the Class Parents for giving their valuable time and energy and for making all of those phone calls. The Class Parents were:

Gan 303	Lisa Beth Liebhaber
Gan 309	Ilene Penn and Beth Rosenthal
Gan 309A	Stacy Wolfe
Alef 303	Sheri Langfan
Alef 309	Suzi Stadler
Alef 309A	Ilana Zivitofsky
Bet 303	Ellen Kavee
Bet 309A	Jeanne Bloom and Lisa Golden
Bet 403	Ellen Braverman
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Gimel 306	Dorothy York
Gimel 403	Karen Smul
Daled 206	Eva Usdan
Daled 306	Barbara Polinsky
Hay	Diane Smallberg
Vav	Darcy Dalton and Joyce Wollitzer
Zayin	Lynn Halbfinger and Geri Haupt
Matan 2	Audrey Mordos

They wish everyone a happy, healthy, peaceful and restful summer. They'll see you in September!

Congratulations

Park Avenue Synagogue extends a hearty mazal tov to:

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Rosen, upon the engagement of their daughter, Meredith, to Ian Levine.

Shari and Hal Upbin, upon the birth of their grandson, Nadav Eylon Weizman, to Rabbi Danielle Upbin-Weizman and Rabbi David Weizman, who are now living in Clearwater, Florida.

Position Opening

Wanted: Editor for the Park Avenue Synagogue Bulletin. If you are interested in the position, please call executive director Beryl Chernov at 1-212-369-2600.

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JTS Dinner (from page 1)

Synagogue Summer Camp and chaired the Search Committee for our new executive director, Beryl Chernov. David is now chairing the committee to launch the Park Avenue Synagogue website. He was previously honored by the congregation as Hatan Torah on Simhat Torah.

An attorney who specializes in representing closely held businesses, especially hedge funds, David is the chair of the Litigation Department at Kleinberg, Kaplan, Wolff & Cohen, P.C. He received this JD from Yale Law School and is a cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa graduate in applied mathematics from Brown University.

Deeply committed to the goals and programs of JTS and the Conservative movement, both David and Ronnie have been part of the JTS community for many years. A longtime member of the JTS Dinner Committee, David has also studied with numerous JTS professors and participated in the JTS Distance Learning Program.

David's talents and generosity of spirit also extend to the greater community. He is a member of the Board of Directors of Legal Services for New York, a trustee of the Horace Mann School and chair of its Annual Fund, and on the Brown University Alumni Schools Committee. He is also a visiting lecturer in law and finance at the William E. Simon School of Business of the University of Rochester.

Well-known to his friends and others as an avid photographer, David also enjoys fishing with his son, Josh, and studying Jewish text. He and Ronnie have dedicated themselves to the transmission of Jewish values and tradition and continue to do so as all of the Parkers prepare for Josh to become a Bar Mitzvah this fall.

We hope you will make every effort to show your high esteem and warm regard for David Parker by attending this evening in his honor and in support of JTS. He is most worthy of being recognized by both institutions in this special way.

The dinner, which will be chaired by Alan Levine and Barrie Modlin, with Martin Halbfinger serving as gifts chairman, will begin at 6 p.m. with cocktails at Park Avenue Synagogue. The cost to attend the dinner is \$150 per person. For more information, please call Naomi Snook, director of the New York Region of JTS, at 1-212-678-8861 or e-mail her at nasmook@jtsa.edu.

Music Service (from page 1)

professional choirs, under the direction of Neil Robinson, this uplifting service will highlight music from each of the past five centuries to the present day. Beginning with Salamone Rossi, the first composer of Jewish choral music, we will present some of the best composers from our rich tradition.

The Music Service was originally conceived in 1977 to bring classical gems of our heritage to the congregation. This year's service will highlight the power, breadth and beauty of our Jewish musical tradition.

This service is meant to reach all the groups in our congregation. One of the highlights of the service is the participation of the Congregational Singers. Rehearsals for this group will begin May 1st and new members are welcome. Please call Cantor Lefkowitz or Cantor Abramson if you would like to be part of the Congregational Singers. Rehearsals are scheduled for Thursday, May 1st and Wednesdays, May 7th, 14th,

21st, all at 7 p.m., and Tuesday, May 27th at 6:30 p.m.

This Music Service, dedicated to the memories of Sarah, Samuel and George M. Shapiro, is sponsored by Mrs. Rita Shapiro and her daughter, Karen Spector. The service will be followed by a gala Kiddush in honor of all the participants.

Please join the music and celebration on May 31st.

Tikkun Olam Committee For Community Outreach Annual Camp Clothing Drive

For recent immigrant and other Jewish children ages 8 and up.

**All day Tuesday and Wednesday,
May 20 and 21;**

Thursday, May 22 until 4 p.m.

The next meeting of the committee to plan and discuss other projects is scheduled for May 13 at 7:30 p.m.

Please join and get involved!

Women's Evening Group Shabbat Service Friday, May 30

"Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy."

How fitting it is that the Women's Evening Group of the Park Avenue Synagogue should have as the subject of its annual Shabbat service The Fourth Commandment: Remember the Sabbath Day. This commandment, one of the basic principles of Judaism, will be addressed by Francine Klagsbrun, an author well known to the Jewish community.



Francine Klagsbrun

Ms. Klagsbrun's most recent book, *THE FOURTH*

COMMANDMENT: Remember the Sabbath Day (Harmony Books, September, 2002), examines the complexities of this sacred day; the ethical values that inform it; the ceremonies, laws, and practices that have marked its celebration throughout history; and the ways in which it can enrich people's lives today.

Furthermore, Francine explores the broad dimensions of the Sabbath, drawing heavily on her personal experiences as well as her knowledge of the Bible and the Talmud and their classical and modern commentaries, on the early teachings and legends that make up the midrash, and on various mystical sources that add depth and texture to our understanding of this ancient and hallowed tradition.

Francine Klagsbrun has written numerous books and articles on social, religious, and family issues. Her other works include *Jewish Days: A Book of Jewish Life and Culture Around the Year*; *Mixed Feelings: Love, Hate, Rivalry and Reconciliation Among Brothers and Sisters*; *Married People: Staying Together in the Age of Divorce*; and *Voices of Wisdom: Jewish Ideals and Ethics for Everyday Living*.

She was the editor of the best-selling book *Free To Be... You and Me* and also of *The First Ms. Reader*, a collection of essays

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Cantors Abramson and Lefkowitz To Be Honored at Cantors Assembly Convention May 14

The Cantors Assembly, the professional organization of over 450 cantors in the Conservative movement worldwide, will be honoring both Cantor David Lefkowitz and Cantor Nancy Abramson with historic distinction at its convention in Los Angeles on May 14th.

Cantor David Lefkowitz will receive the prestigious **David Puttermann Award for Lifetime Achievement in the Cantorate**, acknowledging his accomplishments in the name of Hazzan Puttermann, who was David Lefkowitz's immediate predecessor at Park Avenue Synagogue. Cantor Puttermann established the Cantors Assembly in 1947 and served in it in various capacities for several decades.

Now Cantor Nancy Abramson will continue the Park Avenue Synagogue tradition of its cantors holding prominent positions within the Conservative movement. She has been **elected to the Executive Board of the Cantors Assembly, in the office of secretary**. As such, she will be the first female officer in the 56-year history of the Cantors Assembly, which has only been accepting women as members for just over a decade. This represents a new era for the Cantors Assembly and for women in the Conservative movement.

We are proud of the prestige of our cantors and for the recognition they bring to our congregation's prominence in American Jewry.

Additional May and June WEG Program Notes

- **Tuesday, May 20**, Women's League for Conservative Judaism's Spring Conference
- **Friday, May 30th** – the **WEG Shabbat Service and Congregational Shabbat Dinner**. Please call the synagogue office (1-212-369-2600) to leave a message about taking either a Hebrew or English part in the service; to make your reservation for the dinner; to purchase an autographed copy of Francine Klagbrun's book for \$18 (25% off list price). Please send a check to the syna-

gogue office and arrange to pick up your book before or after the Shabbat service.

- **Monday, June 16th** – An end-of-year **Supper Party & Private Art Exhibition Tour** at the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion for paid-up WEG members, hosted by Jean Rosensaft, exhibitions director. Pay your 2003-2004 WEG dues now and be eligible to attend this special event. RSVP to Lucy Becker (1-212-288-7523).

Four Wednesdays in May Lunch & Learn

- **Wednesday, May 7** – David Nekrutman, director for Community & Interfaith Relations, Consulate General of Israel in N.Y. on "Israel Beyond the Conflict"
- **Wednesday, May 14** – Vivienne Roumani-Denn on "Jews of Arab Countries: Loss of Ancestral Inheritance"
- **Wednesday, May 21** – Rachel Musleah on "The Jewish Rhythms of India: Spirit, Song and Story"
- **Wednesday, May 28** – Rabbi David Lincoln, Senior Rabbi, Park Avenue Synagogue, on "Travels through Eastern Europe: In Our Families' Footsteps"

12:30 p.m. – Lunch (bring your own dairy/pareve lunch)

1:00 p.m. – Lecture begins (no charge) at United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, 155 Fifth Avenue (between 21st & 22nd Streets) 1-212-533-7800, ext. 2161.

Sisterhood Corner

End-of-Year Party Tuesday, May 20

Park Avenue Synagogue's Sisterhood will conclude its year of programs with a festive end-of-year party at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, May 20th. This event will feature a film, "Wedding at Galilee," and refreshments.

In addition to its special programming events, Sisterhood sponsors a weekly class, "Tuesday Topics," with Rabbi Kenneth Stern and a Lunch 'n' Learn session with another member of the clergy.

Plan to celebrate this special event with your Sisterhood friends!

Park Avenue Synagogue Archives Project Memorabilia !!

Do you have any programs, photos, or other reminiscences about past Park Avenue Synagogue special events? If so, please submit them to the Archives Committee, in care of the synagogue office.

Park Avenue Synagogue Early Childhood Center Applications

Member families who would like to apply to the Park Avenue Synagogue Early Childhood Center for the 2004-2005 School Year are asked to call the school and request an application form between May 1 and June 30, 2003. (After that date, the school will be closed until mid-August.)

All children who were born before April 1, 2002 are eligible for school in September 2004. The Park Avenue Synagogue Early Childhood Center adheres strictly to its cut-off-dates. Families who have been active longtime members of the synagogue are given special consideration. However, because of limitations on class size and the need to balance groups in a variety of ways, membership does not guarantee acceptance.

There is an application fee of \$40 per child. The application process includes a visit and tour of the school by one or both parents and a separate visit with the child.

For the September 2003 School Year, there were approximately 50 openings. It will be very helpful to have some idea prior to September as to how many eligible member families are interested in a place for the 2004-2005 school term. This will enable the PASECC to determine how many applications from new members or non-members it will be able to accept. Thank you for your cooperation.

Congregational Yom Ha'atzmaut Israel's Independence Day

To celebrate Israel's 55th Year of Independence, a special event geared for all age groups will take place at 7 p.m. on **Tuesday, May 6th**.

Come celebrate this special day in Jewish history and show your love and support for Israel!

Moonbeams Thursday, May 1

All women are invited to come and try out **Moonbeams!** **Moonbeams** is the monthly Rosh Hodesh group which celebrates the arrival of each Jewish month. This group is devoted to study, ritual and exploration of the unique religious issues facing Jewish women today. With **Moonbeams** you will have an entire community of women who have discovered and embraced the spiritual, intellectual and personal rewards of celebrating Rosh Hodesh, the Festival of the New Moon.

Members of **Moonbeams** study a wide variety of Jewish literature ranging from Torah and Talmud to modern Midrash. It is perfect for women who want to be inspired and challenged by a Rosh Hodesh study group. The study group has selected a variety of topics to highlight timely themes and motifs, including feminism, the independence of women in the Torah, the rights and responsibilities of Jewish women, and other issues important to Jewish women today.

If you have any questions, please contact Rabbi Paulette Gross at 1-212-369-2600, ext. 150.

The members of **Moonbeams** look forward to having you join its future meetings. Please contact Joann Rosoff at 1-212-348-4531 for the exact times and locations.

The Park Avenue Synagogue Bereavement Group

Park Avenue Synagogue's Bereavement Group, for those who have lost loved ones or close friends, will continue on a once a month basis. Dr. Sheila Erlich, a licensed psychologist, facilitates the Bereavement Group.

The group will meet at 4 p.m. on Thursday, May 15.

For additional information about this group, please call Rabbi Kenneth Stern at 1-212-369-2600.



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Rinah U'tefillah: Song and Prayer A Joyous Friday Night Celebration For All Ages!

The last evening for this increasingly popular Park Avenue Synagogue service will be held on **Friday evening, May 9th**.

The service provides a spiritual bridge between the hectic pace of the week and the serenity of Shabbat. Come participate in special songs, prayer, meditation and Hasidic tales. These services are led by the rabbis and cantors, with our organist Neil Robinson and special guest musicians.

A festive Kiddush will follow these services.

Condolences

Park Avenue Synagogue extends heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved of our congregation and to their families. To:

Ms. Barbara Shulman, upon the death of her father, Ralph Shulman.

Mrs. Shelby White, upon the death of her husband, Leon Levy.

Mrs. Shelby White, upon the death of her brother, Monte Baier.

Park Avenue Synagogue Bikur Cholim Caring Committee

The Park Avenue Synagogue **Bikur Cholim Caring Committee** reaches out in total confidence to the ill, elderly and homebound in friendship and companionship through telephone calls and/or visits. If you would like to be contacted by one of its caring, dedicated volunteers, or know someone who might benefit from the committee's attention, please contact Rabbi Lincoln's secretary, Liya, at 1-212-369-2600, ext 149.

WEG Shabbat Service

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from the early issues of Ms. Magazine.

Her column, "Thinking Aloud," appears monthly in *The Jewish Week*. She is also a regular columnist for *Moment* magazine, and has contributed articles to such national publications as *The New York Times*, the *Boston Globe*, and *Newsday*. She has been featured twice in *People* magazine, and has appeared on numerous national TV and radio shows.

Ms. Klagsbrun sits on the boards of many organizations, including the Jewish Museum, the National Jewish Book Council, Hadassah Magazine, and Lilith. She has been deeply involved in Jewish feminist causes, and was at the forefront of the decision to have women ordained as rabbis in the Conservative movement.

She holds a B.A. from Brooklyn College, a B.H.L. from The Jewish Theological Seminary, and a M.A. in art history from the Institute of Fine Arts, N.Y.U. Her many awards include the honorary degree of Doctor of Hebrew Letters from The Jewish Theological Seminary. She is listed in Who's Who of American Women.

Ms. Klagsbrun is married to Dr. Samuel C. Klagsbrun. They have a married daughter, Sarah, who has just completed her training as a child psychiatrist, and two baby grandchildren.

A **Congregational Shabbat Dinner** (*by advance reservation*) will follow this 6:15 p.m. Shabbat service. Make your reservation today!

Reminder

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 Mrs. Blanche Agisim, in honor of her birthday.
 Mrs. Helene Agress, in memory of her beloved husband, Samuel Agress.
 Mr. & Mrs. Harris Amster, in honor of their anniversary.
 Mrs. Susan Amster, in memory of her beloved father, Ezra J. Denerstein.
 Milton & Jena Berlinski, in memory of Soibel Berlinski.
 Dr. Harold Bernanke, on the occasion of his mother's Yahrzeit.
 Mrs. Florence Bernstein, in memory of her beloved mother-in-law, Anna Bernstein.
 Mrs. Florence Bernstein, in memory of her beloved mother, Pearl Michaelson.
 Ms. Mindy Birnbaum, in memory of her beloved father, Stanley Birnbaum.
 Dr. Robert J. Blankfein, in memory of his beloved mother, Freda Blankfein.
 Mrs. Sonia Breindel, in memory of her beloved son, Eric Breindel.
 Drs. Manfred Brust, in honor of their anniversary.
 Mr. Wallace Chavkin, in memory of his beloved father, Nathan Louis Chavkin.
 Mrs. Fannie Cohen, in memory of her beloved husband, Samuel Cohen.
 Mr. Robert G. Cohen, in memory of his beloved father, Philip Cohen.
 Mr. & Mrs. Sam Dressner, in honor of their anniversary.
 Mrs. Rhoda Elkies, in memory of her beloved mother, Pauline Stopnik.
 Dr. Sylvia Friedman, in memory of her beloved husband, Harold Friedman.
 Mrs. Eleanor Frommer, in memory of her beloved mother, Harriet Goldman Hakmaier.
 Gail & David Furman, in memory of their

beloved mother, Deborah Gorin.
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 Dr. Ethan Gologor, in memory of Masha Tumakin.
 Bill & Jody Gorin, in memory of Deborah Gorin.
 Richard S. Green & Elaine S. Gilde, in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Bonnie Rachel Halbfinger.
 Ms. Carolyn Greenberg, in memory of her beloved mother, Sue Greenberg.
 Mr. Charles H. Greenberg, in memory of his beloved father, Herman Greenberg.
 Mr. Paul S. Hall, in memory of his beloved father, Jacob Hall.
 Mrs. Ellen Harrow, in memory of her beloved father, Samuel Agress.
 Mr. Fred H. Hill, in memory of his beloved mother, Ellen Hill Sherr.
 Dr. & Mrs. Basil Hyman, in honor of their anniversary.
 Mrs. Carol Hyman, in memory of her beloved mother, Ann Davis.
 Mrs. Beverly Jacoby, in memory of her beloved father, Benjamin Schreiber.
 Ms. Lynn Jawitz, in beloved memory of Anna Jawitz and Phil Greenfield.
 Dr. & Mrs. Irwin Kantor, in honor of their anniversary.
 Mr. & Mrs. Howard M. Kaplan, in honor of their anniversary.
 Mrs. Rosamond Kaufman, in memory of her beloved mother-in-law, Babe Kaufman.
 Mrs. Gladys B. Kessler, in memory of her beloved mother, Tilly Millian Bloomfield.
 Mr. Eric Kiwi, in memory of his beloved father, Dr. Joachim Werner Kiwi.
 Mrs. Dorothy Lang, in memory of her beloved husband, Joseph Lang.
 Mrs. Joan Lefkowitz, in memory of her beloved father, Irving Mintzer.

Mr. Alan Levine, in memory of Soibel Berlinski, mother of Milton Berlinski.
 Mr. Harold Levine, in honor of his birthday.
 Marion Levitt, in honor of Peter Mitchell.
 Mr. Joseph Lonner, in honor of his 75th birthday.

Mrs. Carol Mandel, in memory of her beloved father, Walter Hoexter.
 Mrs. Lisa Miller, in memory of her beloved father, Sidney Applebaum.

Mrs. Janet Moss, in honor of her birthday.
 Mrs. Violet Murad, in memory of her beloved mother-law, Rachel Tuffik.

Mrs. Violet Murad, in honor of her birthday.
 Mr. Herbert Nadler, in memory of his beloved mother, Mary Nadler.

Mr. Stanley Nasberg, in memory of his beloved mother, Myra Nasberg.
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Dr. Jacob L. Oberman, in memory of his beloved father, Isaac Oberman.
 Mr. Eric Ostrow, in memory of his beloved father, Ken Ostrow.

Mr. Julius Paige, in memory of his beloved father, Jake Pogrebinsky.
 Dr. Barbara Paris, in memory of her beloved mother, Rose Cammer.

Mr. Herbert Peress, in memory of his beloved father, Henry Peress.
 Dr. Morris M. Podolsky & Laurie Ferber Podolsky, in honor of their anniversary.

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Dr. & Mrs. Leon Pordy, in memory of Sadie Pordy.
 Dr. & Mrs. Leon Pordy, in honor of their 52nd anniversary.

Dr. Hilary Ronner, in memory of her beloved mother, Gladys Ronner.
 Mrs. Sandra Rosen, in memory of her beloved father, Morris Ratzkin.

Mrs. Phyllis Rosenberg, in honor of her birthday.
 Janet & Richard Samuels, in memory of their beloved daughter, Debra Lynn Greenberg.

Mrs. Helen Shapiro, in memory of her beloved brother, Sidney Lipton.
 Mrs. Pauline Shaw, in memory of her beloved mother, Josephine Klinghoffer.

Mrs. Esther Silver, in memory of her beloved uncle, Sigmund Hockmeyer.
 Mrs. Esther Silver, in memory of her beloved mother, Pauline Altfeld.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<p>THE EDMOND DE ROTHSCHILD LIBRARY</p> <p>Schedule of Hours:</p> <p>Mondays 3:00 P.M. to 6:30 P.M. Tuesdays 10:00 A.M. to 6:30 P.M. Wednesdays 3:30 P.M. to 6:30 P.M. Thursdays 3:00 P.M. to 8:30 P.M. Sundays 9:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.</p>	<p>REMEMBER THE DAILY MINYANIM</p> <p>Monday - Friday at 7:15 A.M. Sundays and Legal Holidays at 9 A.M. Sunday - Thursday at 5:45 P.M. Saturday afternoons (See time listings)</p>	<p>1</p> <p>11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Lunch 'n' Learn Session With Cantor David Lefkowitz</p> <p>6 p.m. Family Education Committee Meeting</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Trip to Museum of Jewish Heritage</p> <p>7:30 p.m. Moonbeams</p>	<p>2</p> <p>6:15 p.m. Friday Night Service</p> <p><u>Children's May Birthday Celebration</u></p> <p>Light Candles 7:33 p.m.</p>	<p>3</p> <p>7:30 a.m. - Hashkama Service 9:15 a.m. - Shabbat Service 9:30 a.m. - Havurah Service Bat Mitzvah of Emily Beth Siegel 9:15 a.m. - 12 noon Hebrew School for Grown-Ups 10 - 11 a.m. - Junior Congregation 11 a.m. - 12 noon - Nitzanim Service 11:15 a.m. - Tot Shabbat 6 p.m. - Afternoon Service</p>
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
12 - 2 p.m. Colonial Jewish New York Walking Tour	12 noon Meeting of the Synagogue Arms 7:30 p.m. WEG Board Meeting	8 a.m. Talmud with Rabbi David Lincoln 11 a.m. Tuesday Topics with Rabbi Kenneth Stern 1 p.m. - Retirees Group 7 p.m. Congregational Yom Ha'atzmaut 7:15 p.m. Introduction to Judaism With Rabbi Paulette Gross	Israel's Independence Day 10:15 a.m. Adult Jewish Learning Program With Cantor Nancy Abramson & Rabbi Rachel Aranoff 7:30 p.m. Beyond Beginners: A Hebrew Course with Varda Hubara	11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Lunch 'n' Learn Session With Rabbi David Lincoln PASECC Benefit	6:15 p.m. Rinah U'tefillah: Song & Prayer Shabbat Service Light Candles 7:40 p.m.	7:30 a.m. - Hashkama Service 9:15 a.m. - Shabbat Service Bat Mitzvah of Nicole Elizabeth Lustig 10 - 11 a.m. - Junior Congregation 11 a.m. - 12 noon - Nitzanim Service 6 p.m. Afternoon Service
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	6 p.m. Parents' League Forum HOW	8 a.m. Talmud with Rabbi David Lincoln 11 a.m. Tuesday Topics with Rabbi Kenneth Stern 12 noon Meeting of the Synagogue Arms 1 p.m. - Retirees 7:15 p.m. Introduction to Judaism With Rabbi Paulette Gross 7:30 p.m. Men's Club Board Meeting Tikkun Olam Meeting	10:15 a.m. Adult Jewish Learning Program With Cantor Nancy Abramson & Rabbi Rachel Aranoff 7:30 p.m. Beyond Beginners: A Hebrew Course with Varda Hubara	11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Lunch 'n' Learn Session With Renee Gher-Zand 4 p.m. Park Avenue Synagogue Bereavement Group	6 p.m. Congregational School Moving Up Ceremony 6:15 p.m. Friday Night Service followed by a Congregational School Oneg Shabbat Light Candles 7:47 p.m.	7:30 a.m. - Hashkama Service 9:15 a.m. - Shabbat Service 9:30 a.m. - Havurah Service Bar Mitzvah of Samuel Michael Birnbach Haft 9:15 a.m. - 12 noon Hebrew School for Grown-ups 10 - 11 a.m. - Junior Congregation 10 a.m. - 12 noon Family Shabbat Program 11 a.m. - 12 noon - Nitzanim Service 11:15 a.m. - 12 noon - Tot Shabbat 6 p.m. - Afternoon Service
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	8 p.m. Jewish Book Discussion Group	8 a.m. Talmud with Rabbi David Lincoln 11 a.m. Tuesday Topics with Rabbi Kenneth Stern 1 p.m. Retirees Group Sisterhood End-of-Year Party 7:15 p.m. Introduction to Judaism With Rabbi Paulette Gross 7:45 p.m. Young Couples' Group Camp Clothing Drive Lag B'Omer	10:15 a.m. Adult Jewish Learning Program With Cantor Nancy Abramson & Rabbi Rachel Aranoff 7:30 p.m. Beyond Beginners: A Hebrew Course with Varda Hubara Camp Clothing Drive	11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Lunch 'n' Learn Session With Cantor David Lefkowitz 5:30 p.m. Kehillah/Family Education Lag B'omer Picnic in Central Park Camp Clothing Drive	6:15 p.m. Friday Night Service Light Candles 7:53 p.m.	7:30 a.m. - Hashkama Service 9:15 a.m. - Shabbat Service 6 p.m. - Afternoon Service
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
	Memorial Day	8 a.m. Talmud with Rabbi David Lincoln 11 a.m. Tuesday Topics with Rabbi Kenneth Stern 1 p.m. Retirees Group 7:15 p.m. Introduction to Judaism With Rabbi Paulette Gross	10:15 a.m. Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah Program With Cantor Nancy Abramson & Rabbi Rachel Aranoff 6 p.m. 121st Congregational Meeting & Dinner 7:30 p.m. Beyond Beginners: A Hebrew Course with Varda Hubara	11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Lunch 'n' Learn Session With Cantor David Lefkowitz	6:15 p.m. Women's Evening Group Shabbat Service & Congregational Shabbat Dinner Light Candles 7:59 p.m.	7:30 a.m. - Hashkama Service 9:15 a.m. - Shabbat Service Music Service Bat Mitzvah of Abigail Rebecca Denburg 11 a.m. - 12 noon - Nitzanim Service 6 p.m. - Afternoon Service

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Phyllis & Jalall Zilkha, in honor of Genan & Tamar Zilkha.

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Ms. Madeleine Redlich, in loving memory of her parents, Alice & Abraham Miller, at this special time.

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Mrs. Jutta Tannhauser, in honor of her birth.
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Mrs. Babette Balis, in memory of her beloved father, Walter M. Hoexter.

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Kalman Selig Book Fund

Mrs. Martha Selig, in memory of her beloved husband, Dr. Kalman Selig.

Tikkun Olam Committee for Community Outreach

Ruth and Jimmy Ezra, in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Gilwin.

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Mr. Milton Fuchs, in memory of his beloved mother, Lillian Fuchs.

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Mrs. Patricia Fuchs, in memory of her beloved aunt, Estelle Kratka.

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